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SUBJ: SPANISH/MOROCCAN RELATIONS: TWO MOROCCANS

KILLED ENTERING CEUTA ENCLAVE

1. SPANISH MEDIA REPORTED NOV 30 THAT A GROUP OF APPROX 20 MOROCCANS LOADED WITH PACKAGES PENETRATED A SPANISH LEGION BASE IN THE ENCLAVE OF CEUTA. ALTHOUGH LEGIONNAIRES ORDERED THEM TO STOP SEVERAL TIMES, GROUP SOUGHT TO ESCAPE. LEGIONNAIRES SHOT AT FLEEING GROUP KILLING TWO, WOUNDING THREE AND CAPTURING FIVE OTHERS. SPANISH PRESS REPORTS DEC 2 THAT TWO DECEASED MOROCCANS WERE BURIED DEC 1. SPANISH MEDIA SAID INCIDENT WAS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES. PRESS SPECULATED THAT CONTRABAND GROUP FAILED TO REALIZE THAT IT WAS TRESPASSING ON MILITARY ZONE.

2. MOROCCANS HAVE FREQUENTLY COMPLAINED THAT SPANIARDS THEMSELVES USE CEUTA AND MELILLA ENCLAVES TO CARRY ON PROFITABLE CONTRABAND ACTIVITIES. NEWEST INCIDENT COULD LEAD TO MUTUAL RECRIMINATIONS ON ISSUE OF CONTRABAND AND ADD FUEL TO CONTROVERSY OVER SAHARA, IF NOT ON STATUS OF ENCLAVES THEMSELVES.

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